Welfare Scheme for mine workers of Mukti Morcha

7660. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any welfare scheme for the mine workers of Madhya Pradesh has been prepared by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to implement Group Insurance Scheme and to bring them under Employees State Insurance Act;

(d) whether Government give compensation to mine workers who succumbed to injuries in mine accident; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of compensation provided during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Various welfare schemes are under operation under the Limestone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund; Iron Ore Mines, Managanese Ore Mines, and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund; and Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund to extend housing, health, education, recreation and other facilities to workers working in these mines in all the States including Madhya Pradesh.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal at present to take up a group insurance scheme for these mine workers or to bring them under the ESI Act. However, for employment related injuries resulting in death/disablement, the mine workers are covered under the Workmens' Compensation Act, 1923. Under the Act, Compensation is paid by the employer. As the provision of the Workmens' Compensation Act are being administered by the respective State Government/UT Administration, the details of the compensation provided during the last three years are not available.

Social Safety of work force in current Reform Process

7661. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current reform process has excluded social safety of workforce;

(b) whether it is also a fact that present measures cover only 8 per cent of the organized labour force;

(c) whether Government propose to bring rest of the labour force under the cover for increasing productivity and better results; and

(d) if so, steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Government is committed to protecting the interest of labour, enhance their welfare and equip them in all respects to deal with the inevitability of technological change under the new economic policy. Government have established the National Renewal Fund as a social safety net for the workers affected by industrial restructuring. As per its guidelines funds will be made available from N.R.F. for payment of compensation to employees affected by restructuring or closure of industrial units, both in the public and private sector, retraining and redeployment schemes for the affected workers, and employment generation schemes both in the organised and unorganised sectors. However due to financial constraints NRF assistance is presently being made available as per the priorities fixed.

Memorandum submitted by Bandhuwa Mukti Morcha

7662. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bandhuwa Mukti Morcha submitted a

Memorandum to Government on elimination and rehabilitation of bonded labour;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have failed to carry out the directives of the Supreme Court to check their exploitation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of bonded labour has come down since 1981 when the Supreme Court issued its first directive in regard to bonded labour: and

(d) if so, their present number as compared to 1981 and particulars during the preceding three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A memorandum dated 23.3.1995 from the Chairperson of Bandhuua Morcha has been received by the Government.

(b) Hon'ble Supreme Court had delivered its judgement in Writ Petition No. 2135/82 on 13.8.91 giving specific directions to the State Government of Haryana to take various steps to improve the working and living conditions of the workers engaged in quarry operations in Faridabad District of Haryana. The Government of Haryana have reported that they have by and large complied with the directions of the Apex Court.

(c) and (d) The number of Bonded Labourers awaiting rehabilitation has come down since 1981. Against 1,20,971 bonded labourers identified and released as on 31.1.1981, 17264 were awaiting rehabilitation. On account of more identification and rehabilitation in subsequent years the number of bonded labourers identified as on 31.3.1994 is 2,51,424 out of which only about 6000 are still awaiting rehabilitation. The number of bonded labourers rehabilitated during the last three years is as follows:—

1994-95 (upto Feb., 95	1473
1993-94	2497
1992-93	3424

व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र द्वारा खरीदी गई मशीनें

7663. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विकलांग पुनर्वास के लिए व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों द्वारा, विशेषकर दिल्ली में स्प्रे पेंट मशीन, इनेक्शन मोल्डिंग मशीन, लैदर सीविंग मशीन, पाइप वाइडिंग मशीन आदि जैसे बहुत सी ऐसी मशीनें खरीदी गई है जो इन केन्द्रों में चलाए जा रहे किसी भी व्यवसाय से संबंधित नहीं हैं :

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन मशीनो को खरीदने के बाद लेखा-परीक्षा के दौरान आपत्ति की गई थी और इन मशीनों का समुचित उपयोग किए जाने की दृष्टि से इन्हें किसी अन्य केन्द्र या संस्थान में भेजने का सुझाव दिया गया था ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने का विचार है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) विकलांग व्यक्तियों में अवशिष्ट क्षमता का मूल्यांकन करने तथा उनके आर्थिक पुनर्वास को सुगम बनाने हेतु उन्हें प्रशिक्षण देने के लिए दिल्ली स्थित व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र सहित अधिकांश व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्रों ने स्प्रे पेंट मशीन, इंजेक्शन मोल्डिंग मशीन, चमड़े की सिलाई मशीन तथा पाईप वंडिंग मशीन, जैसी मशीनें खरीद ली है ।

(ख) तथा (ग) विकलांग व्यक्तियो हेतु व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र, दिल्ली के लेखों संबंधी लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्ट में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह भी निहित है कि इन मशीनों को अन्य संस्थानों में स्थानांतरित किया जा सकता है चूंकि इस केन्द्र में इनकी उपयोगिता कम है । इन मशीनों को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर लाने ले जाने पर आने वाले व्यय की अत्यधिक धनराशि को देखते हुए स्थानांतरित नहीं किया जा सकता है । इस केन्द्र ने रोजगार चाहने वाले विकलांग व्यक्तियों को व्याव